

REMARKS

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 3-6, 8-15, 17-20 and 22-28 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Darling, Baba and Braun. The claims have been amended to recite a mobile robot with a monitor and a camera that move together in at least one degree of freedom. This limitation is shown in Figure 5 and pages 14 and 15 of the above entitled application. As shown in Fig. 5, the camera and monitor are mounted to a bracket that can both tilt and swivel. The system disclosed in the claims of the above entitled application provide a telepresence robot that can project a remote station user to a remote location. To more accurately simulate the presence of the remote station user, the robot has a monitor and camera that move together much like the eyes move with the head of a person. This provides for a more natural appearance and operation of a mobile robot that simulates the presence of a remote operate.

Neither Darling, Baba or Braun disclose a mobile robot with a monitor and a camera that move together in at least one degree freedom. Although Darling discloses a system with a monitor and a camera at a remote location, the monitor and camera do not move together in at least one degree of freedom. In fact, the monitor in Darling does not even move. Likewise, neither Baba or Braun disclose coupling a monitor and camera together to move in at least one degree of freedom on a mobile robot. None of these references, either alone or in combination, disclose a monitor and camera that move together on a mobile robot. Additionally, none of these references teach or suggest a telepresence robot that can project a remote station user to a remote location. For these reasons, the Applicant submits that claims 1, 3-6, 8-15, 17-20 and 22-28 are patentably distinct from Darling, Baba and Braun.

The Examiner rejected claims 2, 7, 16 and 21 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Darling, Baba and Pin. The Applicant submits that these claims are allowable for being dependent upon allowable independent claims.

In view of the above, it is submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the rejections is requested. Allowance of claims 1-11, 13-25, 27 and 28 at an early date is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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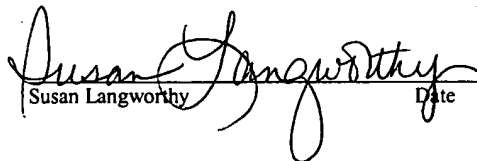
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